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City Zoo Aquarium works for New Zealand firm

A view of the desolate aquarium at Mysuru Zoo which will soon house live sharks, jelly fish, octopus, stingray and a number of marine, tropical and other aquatic species in simulated natural habitats.

The Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium built by New Zealand firm Marinescape.

- World-class Aquatic Life Science Park being built by New Zealand Company in Ahmedabad
- Team from Mysuru Zoo visits Ahmedabad Park
- Zoo Authority of Karnataka sends proposal to State Government seeking project approval

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 25- The Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) is in the process of scouting for designers who can build a world-class aquarium that will attract lakhs of tourists to the much-delayed aquarium at the premises of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo).

After taking over the half-built and desolate aquarium from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the ZAK has identified a New Zealand firm to complete the aquarium project and has sent a proposal to the State Government for approval.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said that at present the New Zealand firm is engaged in building a world-class Aquatic Life Science Park in the Science City of Gujarat in Ahmedabad.

Though he did not mention the firm's name, *SOM* learnt that the Rs.257 crore project is being executed in Ahmedabad by Marinescape, pioneers of underwater aquariums. The Company is an established leader in the walk-through aquarium design, construction and management of 24 successfully operated and profitable public aquariums around the world. Over 250 million satisfied people have been entertained and educated by Marinescape Aquariums worldwide.

The Science City Aquatics Gallery in Ahmedabad is spread over 13,000 square meters. It is being executed to have 72 types of different exhibits ranging from small to giant sea creatures.

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Cauvery Water Authority meets in Delhi: TN demands 31.24 TMC ft. of water

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Mysuru Zoo entry ticket price hiked

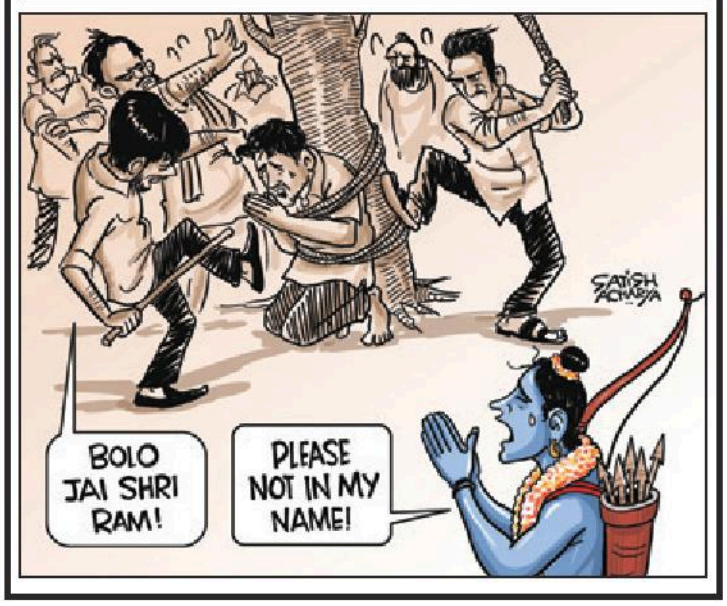
- Weekdays from Rs.60 to Rs.80 (adults); Rs.30 to Rs.40 (children)
- Weekends from Rs.80 to Rs.100 (adults); Rs.40 to Rs.50 (children)

Mysuru, June 25 (MTY&KS)- In a bid to collect funds to undertake various developmental works at Mysuru Zoo, the authorities have hiked the price of entry tickets from June 1 itself.

According to the revised price, the entry ticket for an adult has been raised from Rs.60 to Rs.80 on weekdays and from Rs.80 to Rs.100 during weekends. The entry ticket price for children (5-12 years) has been hiked from Rs.30 to Rs.40 on weekdays and from Rs.40 to Rs.50 on weekends. Besides, the Zoo and Karanji Lake combo tickets cost Rs.100 per adult on weekdays and Rs.120 on weekends. For children, it is Rs.50 per head on weekdays and Rs.60 on weekends. It may be recalled the Zoo had hiked entry ticket prices by Rs.10 last year.

(See TICKET on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Seamless service

Primary driving force for most inventions is *a need*. The time-honoured expression *Necessity is the mother of invention*, in the nature of a proverb, seems to hog attention more to the factor of need than the sweat and toil that marks the birth of any invention. The question of birth of a need in real life and addressing the only option to fulfil that need by inventing, rather than by hook or crook is what *technology* is all about. The need for water and air to adequately address issues of survival in general and their qualitative and quantitative availability in particular in the face of scarcity bugging the land and its people seems to have clouded human activities focussed on a plethora of other *needs*, one of which, the most important one, namely *food*, also conforming to accepted norms and acceptable preferences of consumers. The debate on these issues brings one to the point of taking a kaleidoscopic view of food, particularly its ubiquitous presence from dawn to dusk, particularly in the life of urbanites, who consume the manna as it were without a care on producing it, thanks to the seamless benefits of inventions, read *techmology*.

Every consumer *needs* to be made aware of the ingenuity of inventors in designing gadgets for home use as well as large scale operations and researchers sparing no efforts to get maximum mileage from raw materials raised on the fields by the farming fraternity. There is more to the issues bearing on food, but for the scope of this column, the scenario of restaurant industry should interest every urbanite.

The dishes offered by restaurants in the urban space across the country, excluding the cuisine originating in the different countries of the world, both West and East, is only a small fraction of all the dishes in their thousands that the people of the past gave to the world, which is numerically in oceanic proportions. Restaurants that were established decades ago as well as those that have a short history in Mysuru doesn't seem to have disappointed their patrons, both cost-wise and taste-wise. Some streets of the city hosting the restaurants hold mirror to the unmistakable change in India's restaurant industry, driven by technology, developed by research teams.

The restaurant industry, which has no entry barrier, witnessing a drastic low in the average age of first-time restaurateurs has cause to pride itself while the Frankenstein of unemployment is staring at the youth, particularly the products of Colleges and Universities. Armed with a smart mobile phone, one can have the dish of one's liking at the touch of a button. That is seamless service from technology.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

God, sitting on his throne, in his corner office Up Above. His Mantri for Earthling Affairs comes bustling in.

God: *You seem very flustered, Mantriji. What have your Earthlings been up to now that's got you so upset? Are they fighting another war among themselves, as they usually are?*

Mantri: *I'm afraid it's a bit more than that. What with all these heat waves, and cyclones, and hurricanes, and floods, and droughts, that have been taking place on Earth, Earthlings are talking more and more about climate change. The problem is that they're calling it 'man-made' climate change. They're saying that it's because of all their factories, and motor vehicles, and other machines that the climate is changing.*

God: *Good God! Or, rather, Good Me! 'Man-made' climate change? These Earthlings are getting too big for their boots. Don't they realise that, like everything else in the whole Universe, the climate belongs to Me, and that only I can change it, or do whatever I like with it?*

Mantri: *I'm afraid they don't realise any such thing.*

God: *Shall I send them another cyclone, or a tsunami or two, just to show them who's in charge here? Or shall I just let them and their wretched climate go to the devil?*

Devil (popping up from Down Below): *Did someone call my name? I'm at your service...* — ***Jug Suraiya in 'The Times of India'***

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tensed up dog falls over whenever he gets excited

Sheffield: A one-year-old cocker spaniel from Sheffield, in the UK, named Peter, has earned the nickname "Fainting Pete" due to his bizarre habit of suddenly stiffening and falling over whenever he gets to excited or nervous.

Peter's owners, Emma Clayton and Oliver Broomhead, adopted him from a family who could no longer look take care of him. They were told that the adorable pooch had been "fainting" ever since he learned how to walk, and despite seeing several veterinarians about his bizarre behavior, no one has been able to figure out what's causing it. The couple said that it occurs every time Peter sees ducks, enjoys his walks a bit too much or gets scared. Sometime he'll just freeze and fall over for no apparent reason which lead doctors to believe that he is suffering from a rare neurological condition, although no one can say for sure.

Steer's horn breaks Guinness Records

Alabama: A longhorn steer in Alabama with a horn span wider than the Statue of Liberty's face now has a Guinness World Record for the longest horns.

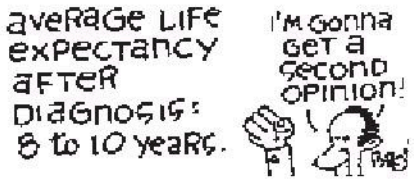
The Texas longhorn steer, named Poncho Via, had its horn spread measured by Guinness at a total 10 feet, 7.4 inches -- wider than the Statue of Liberty's face or two grad pianos pushed together. Guinness said Poncho captured the records for largest horn spread on a living steer and largest horn spread on a steer ever. His spread beat the previous record by just over an inch, Guinness said.

The Pope family, who raised Poncho on their property in Goodwater since he was six months old, said they first started to suspect his horns could end up as world records when he was 4-year-old and they noticed the horns were growing straight out with very little curve.

The family said Poncho's horns might look dangerous, but he is a "big pet" who enjoys getting treats from the public.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How many stages does Alzheimer's disease have?



The most common form of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, has 7 stages. A symptom of stage 1 is mild cognitive decline. By stage 7, decline is very severe. The patient has lost touch with their surroundings. They can no longer communicate. The patient becomes more frail and is totally dependent on others.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Certificates and prizes distributed at MEWA

Mysuru, June 25- Certificates in Computer courses under *Pratham* held at MEWA, Urdu courses conducted by Idara e Adbiyat Urdu, Hyderabad and Islamic GK Test by Mohammed Ebrahim Khan Foundation held at different centres in city were distributed at MEWA, Shanthinagar, on Saturday.

Mushtaq Sayeed, Member, Karnataka Urdu Academy and writer, poet and columnist, was feted on the occasion by Aejaz Ahmed Sharieff and Mir Sarfaraz ur Rahman. In his address, Mushtaq Sayeed appreciated the services of MEWA to the downtrodden people of the area. He assured financial help from the Academy for teaching Urdu.

Chief guest Prof. Afroze Ahmed spoke about the importance of Urdu and the necessity of learning one's mother-tongue.

Corporator Ayaz Pasha promised to help the computer trained students in getting jobs and lauded MEWA for imparting training to women irrespective of religion.

Mir Sarfaraz ur Rahman, Founder-Member, who also teaches Functional Arabic, explained the services of MEWA to the poor people. The programme presided by Aejaz Ahmed Sharieff started with Quranic verses by Habibunnisa, Hamd by Bi Bi Hajira, Naat by Mehek Bano.

On behalf of students, Shabrin Bano in Kannada, L. Huda, Saniya Kouser, Muskan Bano, Dr. Khurram Pasha shared their experiences.

Nyamthulla Khan, organiser of the Urdu courses, welcomed and compered. Sheikh Abdul Munaf, Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. Rotarian Syed Ismail, Anwer Pasha, retired DTO, Dr. Khurram Pasha, Younis Khan and Syeda Nusrath Afza of Salehat Women Welfare Centre, were present.

Really...?

- ***Fire-fighters use wetting agents to make water wetter: The chemicals reduce the surface tension of plain water so it's easier to spread and soak into objects, which is why it's known as "wet water."***

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Why do people never eat clocks? Because it's really time-consuming !

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VOICE OF THE READER

View obstructing parking in V.V. Mohalla

Sir,

Since more than two months a couple of heavy duty vehicles are parked at the junction of First Main Road and Gokulam Park Road, close to V.V. Mohalla Police Station, totally obstructing the view on either sides of these two roads. Apparently these vehicles were seized by V.V. Mohalla Traffic Police and may be awaiting for the release through proper channel.

This small stretch of road is always used by V.V. Mohalla Traffic Police Station to park the vehicles seized by them. It is high time that they stop this practise of parking vehicles in this stretch, blocking view of motorists.

Since the clear view is being restricted by the way these vehicles are parked, minor collisions are taking place at this point. Before a major mishap occurs, the authorities concerned should shift these vehicles and give a clear vision of the road to the motorists while crossing between these two roads.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

Mysuru
20.6.2019

Kalidasa Road: Footpath missing

Sir,

It is so disheartening for not having footpath for pedestrians from Panchavati Circle towards Chandrakala Hospital on Kalidasa Road. Pedestrians spill over to roads with heavy traffic density posing a risk for their safety.

Also, parking is allowed on both sides of the road leading to slow traffic and frequent traffic jams.

Will the DC and people's representatives take a look at the plight of residents here and resolve this problem?

—Chethak

Vijayanagar
15.6.2019

Doctors Day on July 1

Mysuru, June 25- The Anveshana Seva Trust will be celebrating Doctors Day at the Institution of Engineers Hall on JLB Road at 10 am on July 1.

CFTRI Director Dr.K.S.M.S. Raghava Rao will inaugurate the programme. Former Health and Family Welfare Department Director Dr. D. Thimmaiah will preside. University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will present *'Vaidya Vibhushana'* award to achiever-doctors. The Trust Hon. Secretary Amarnath Raje Urs will unveil a portrait of Dr. B.C. Roy to mark the occasion. Ursu Jagruti Academy Hon. President Dr. M.G.R. Urs will be the main speaker at the event.

For more details call Ph: 0821-2485959 or Mob: 94484-02092, according to a release.

MP to release Journo's books

Mysuru, June 25- MLA A.H. Vishwanath will release the books — *'Right Right'* and *'Ayyo Dyavre'* — written by journalist Ravi Pandavapura — at a programme to be held at Rani Bahadur auditorium in Manasagangothri here at 4.30 pm tomorrow (June 26).

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will grace the occasion. Retired Principal of St. Philomena's College Prof. M. Krishnegowda will speak about the books.

Senior writer Dr. CPK will preside over the event. D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Prakashana, Mysuru, will be present.

Dr. Gubbigoodu Ramesh's book release on June 27

Gubbigoodu Ramesh

Mysuru, June 25- Senior JD(S) leader and MLA A.H. Vishwanath will release *Mysooru Mithra* columnist and writer Dr. Gubbigoodu Ramesh's work titled *Saamanyanobbana Swagatha*, a collection of his articles, at a programme jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Mahima Prakashana at the Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises at 4.30 pm on June 27 (Thursday).

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Renowned Music Director Hamsalekha will be the guest of honour.

Star of Mysore Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy will preside. MLA L. Nagendra will be present.

For more details call Mob: 88925-80150.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free bone density check-up camp

The JSS Senior Citizens Helpline will be conducting a free bone density check-up camp at the JSS Hospital's Geriatrics Department at 10 am tomorrow (June 26). For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548253 or 2448138.

Workshop on glass painting

The Mysore Art Gallery will be conducting a two-day workshop on glass painting at its premises located on 12th Cross, Ramanuja Road in city on June 29 and 30. The entry is open for persons aged above 12 years. [Mob: 99868-81128 or 99450-43548]

Counselling on family planning

The Mysuru Chapter of Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), having office at third Cross, Maruti Circle, N.R. Mohalla, will be holding a two-day Family Counselling at its premises on June 27 and 28. Family problems, sexual problems concerning men and women and other family planning issues will be part of the counselling. The public are appealed to make use of this counselling. For details, call Mob: 87628-50960 or 81970-24989.

Badminton Tourney

Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum will be conducting Rajashekar Koti Memorial Badminton Tournament in city on July 13 and 14. The Tournament is open for serving and retired employees of Mysore University, employees of Quasi Govt. Bodies and Mysuru district employees. The competition will be held under different categories based on age groups. [Mob: 99720-45254 or 98452-57322]

Technical Talk

A Technical Talk on 'Low temperature preservation of fruits and vegetables' by T.R. Prabhu, retd. Dy. Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, has been organised in the premises of Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, on JLB Road, on June 26 at 6 pm. IEI Mysuru Chairman Dr. R. Suresh will preside. IEI Mysuru Hon. Secretary D.K. Dinesh Kumar will be present.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	79.76 ft
Yesterday	79.79 ft
Inflow	253 cusecs
Outflow	324 cusecs

Financial bid for KRS crest gates replacement finalised

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, June 25- The time has at last come for the replacement of decades old 143 crest gates of KRS Dam, with the Govt. finalising the financial bid for the works.

The Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (CNNL) had come up with a plan to replace 143 out of the 173 crest gates (Sluice Gates) of the world famous KRS Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, which were over 80 years old. The CNNL had prepared a DPR of the project, which was estimated to cost Rs.68 crore.

After the World Bank agreed to lend financial support for the project, the CNNL submitted the DPR to the Government and after a thorough study, the Government gave administrative approval for the project. Now the tender has been finalised, with the Government approving the Rs.68 crore financial bid made by Gujarat based Hardware Groups Construction Company.

CNNL Superintending Engineer H.C. Ramendra told *SOM* that three companies had bid for crest gate replacement project, of which Gujarat-based Hardware Groups Company emerged as the successful bidder for the Rs.68 crore project which involves replacement of 143 out of the 173 crest gates of the dam.

The company has the experience of carrying out such tasks at Nagarjuna Sagar Dam in Telangana, Alamatti, Hidkal, Ghataprabha and Narayanapura Dams in Karnataka and elsewhere in the country.

The Technical Sub-Committee by CNNL's Chief Engineer at Bengaluru which met at Bengaluru yesterday, put forward the financial bid before the Government, which in turn gave its nod. The Government, after giving Green signal for the works, will submit a report to the World Bank in this regard, following which the World Bank will release funds for the project, setting some conditions, Ramendra said.

Continuing, he said that the KRS Dam had 173 crest gates when it was built in 1932. But over the passage of time, there were water leaks in the Dam, despite regular maintenance of crest gates, following which the CNNL had replaced 22 crest gates at a cost of Rs.18.8 crore in 1932. Now the works of the rest of the 143 crest gates, with replacement by new ones, which is estimated to cost Rs.168 crore, will be taken up. The company has been asked to execute the works in nine months time and the CNNL has to pay back the borrowed money to the World Bank in instalments in a span of 25 years, he said and added that the old crest gates will be disposed off by auction.

Rs.60 crore project approved for development works in the district

PWD Minister H.D. Revanna addressing a meeting at his office in Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday.

Mysuru, June 25 (US)- Public Works Department (PWD) Minister H.D. Revanna has approved an additional fund of over Rs.60 crore for development works in city and the district.

The decision was taken at a meeting held at the Minister's office in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, yesterday which was attended by District Minister G.T. Devegowda, Parliamentary Secretary Thippeswamy, PWD Secretary Krishna Reddy, KRDCL MD Shivakumar and others.

The additional fund would cover development of Sagarakatte - K.R. Nagar Road which would reduce the travel distance between Mysuru and K.R. Nagar by 16 km to just 25 km, guest house at Hunsur; bridge across Lakshmanatheertha river in Hunsur; development of road to Arkeshwaraswami Temple in K.R. Nagar and a good auditorium at Jaladarshini Guest House in Mysuru.

The effort of Minister G.T. Devegowda over a long period for developing road from Sagarakatte to K.R. Nagar has now borne fruit.

Four Govt. Hospitals to get ultra-modern OTs

Bengaluru, June 25 (KMS& DM)- The State Government has sanctioned ultra-modern Operation Theatres (OTs) at Mysuru, Mandya, Ballari and Hubballi Medical College Hospitals.

The OTs, which costs Rs.15 crore each, will facilitate conduct of 15 to 20 surgies at a time. These OTs will be used by a dedicated team of specialist doctors.

Victoria Hospital at Bengaluru already has such a facility and this will be replicated at Mysuru, Mandya, Ballari and Hubballi Government Medical Colleges in the coming days. Taking health care much forward, the Government has prepared an action plan to set up Cardiology and Oncology units at all District Hospitals in the State, in order to ease pressure on the dedicated hospitals at Bengaluru and Mysuru.

In yet another mega plan on health care, the State Government has decided to construct a huge hospital at Kanakapura about 55 kms from Bengaluru, to be named as Kanakapura Institute of Medical Sciences, on the lines of the famous AIIMS Hospital of New Delhi.

Cauvery Water Authority meets:
TN demands 31.24 TMC ft. of water

New Delhi, June 25- The crucial **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** meeting was held here this morning amid a weak monsoon aggravating the storage situation in the reservoirs in Cauvery River basin.

As soon as the meeting began, Tamil Nadu told the Authority that Karnataka had failed to release the June quota of 9.19 TMC ft. of Cauvery water through Mettur Dam as directed by the Authority in May. Tamil Nadu also urged Karnataka to release 31.24 TMC ft. as its share under July quota.

Tamil Nadu also registered its objection over Mekedatu issue being part of today's agenda.

Tamil Nadu maintained that only 1.72 TMC ft. of water has flown from Biligundlu Reservoir to Mettur Dam, while the Authority had directed for 9.19 TMC ft.

Karnataka on its part, maintained that Rain Gods were unkind to the State and the reservoirs in the Cauvery basin were near empty.

Contending that the KRS Reservoir in Srirangapatna taluk had only 10.618 TMC ft. of water and the water level at the dam was dipping to Dead Storage level at an alarming rate with no monsoon in sight, Karnataka claimed that it was in no position to release water for cultivation even in the State, let alone releasing water to other Riparian States.

Pointing out that the four reservoirs in Cauvery basin — KRS, Harangi, Kabini and Hemavathi — cumulatively received only 1.59 TMC ft. water between June 1 and 23, Karnataka maintained that the live storage of these reservoirs put together was just 13.24 TMC ft. of water at present, while last year it was 59 TMC ft.

Asserting that it has to address the concerns of its own farmers from the Cauvery basin who are staging an indefinite stir, Karnataka maintained that in such distress situation, the State cannot release water.

Karnataka also strongly defended its Mekedatu Project, saying that the project will be executed only for drinking water purpose and that Tamil Nadu need not feel concerned.

CWMA rejects TN's demand

Rejecting Tamil Nadu's demand for its share of water, the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) in a big relief to Karnataka, said that TN can get Cauvery water only if there is an increased inflow to Cauvery basin reservoirs, which depends on the intensity of monsoon rains.

The Authority directed Karnataka to release water to Tamil Nadu only if there is good rains in the coming days, it is learnt. The meeting was presided by CWMA Chairman Masood Ahmed. Representatives from the Riparian States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry and the Union Government attended the meeting.

Zoo Aquarium Project:
MLA Ramdas talks of PPP

Mysuru, June 25 (MTY&KS)- K.R. Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas, speaking to *Star of Mysore* about Mysuru Zoo aquarium project which has been stalled said, "The works pertaining to the Rs. 5 crore aquarium began in 2010-11. The grant was given from the MLA Fund as the project came under K.R. Constituency.

Ramdas

"About 6 months ago, myself along with the Tourism Minister inspected the aquarium project and had instructed the Zoo authorities to form a Technical Expert Committee and give a report to the Government. The Zoo authorities have sent the report to the Government with a proposal stating that the aquarium could be developed under **Public Private Partnership (PPP).**

"I will see that the proposal sent to the Government would be approved and also see that the tenders would be floated and the works begin soon."

[See report on page 1]

Death of dialysis patient
creates panic in K.R. Nagar

K.R. Nagar, June 25 (KTR& DM)- The death of a dialysis patient yesterday caused panic among 35 other patients undergoing dialysis at the Taluk Medical Hospital here this morning.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Taluk Medical Officer Dr. Shivaprasad said that the patient was undergoing dialysis for years and his death yesterday was due to natural causes.

Maintaining that there was no concern, he said that the death of the patient had given rise to unnecessary rumours and the patients need not panic as dialysis is going on under constant monitoring of doctors.

The rumours about dialysis patients getting affected with Hepatitis 'C' is totally baseless, he added.

Nirmiti Kendra distributes tool kits
to construction workers and electricians

Mysuru, June 25 (RKB&US) Nirmiti Kendra in association with District Administration and Department of Labour had organised a programme at its premises in Bogadi 2nd stage here this morning where tool kits were distributed to construction workers and electricians who have completed the one month specialist training. The tool kits were presented to 66 construction workers and 21 electricians.

Presiding over the function, Zilla Panchayat CEO K. Jyothi hailed the training as very good as it also incorporated yoga to manage health and develop good concentration. She advised the construction workers not to be lured by alcohol and tobacco and asked them to take good care of their families. She asserted that the workers should weigh both quality and safety during construction.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Thammanna observed that new technology was being incorporated in construction sector which should be advocated by the construction workers. He rued that the sector continues to be unorganised and added that the Government was trying its best to help the sector.

Construction worker Veerabhadra and electricians Vijaykumar and Thimmaraju, speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that the training was very good and had provided them enough confidence to go ahead on their own.

Nirmiti Kendra Project Director M.T. Manjunath, Project Engineer H.B. Satish, UltraTech technical services Manager Y. Somashekar, Patanjali Yoga Foundation teacher Nagabhushan and others were present.

Misuse of Rs. 3.86 lakh

N'gud Jailer Shivakumar suspended

Nanjangud, June 25 (RS&KS)- ADGP (Prisons) N.S. Megharikh has suspended Nanjangud Sub-Jail Jailer N.S. Shivakumar, on charges of misusing Government money.

Shivakumar

Shivakumar, while serving as the In-charge Superintendent of Udupi District Jail between Jan. 19, 2012 and July 17, 2013 had misused Rs. 3,86,814 Government money, thus causing losses to the Government and the team of Auditors had submitted a report in this regard.

A case was registered at Hiriyadda Police Station in Udupi District under IPC Section 409, 468, 471, 477A and 420, following which the ADGP suspended Jailer Shivakumar.

Man stabbed to death

Mysuru, June 25 (KS)- Miscreants have stabbed to death a 52-year-old man near Makkaji Chowk in city on Sunday night.

The deceased is Krishna, a native of Holenarasipur. Krishna, who had left his place many years ago, had come to Mysuru and was selling beedi and cigarettes on the roadside for his living. He used to sleep in front of a godown near Makkaji Chowk.

On Sunday night, some miscreants stabbed Krishna to death with a knife, the Police said. Lashkar Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

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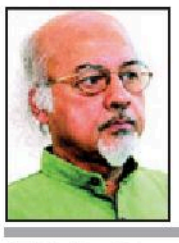
Expect new levels of Patriotism



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

No Parliament got off to a more disgraceful start than the one in session now. The Prime Minister struck a high note when he said that the Opposition should not worry about numbers, that their viewpoints would be honoured. Formalities finished, mayhem began. Oath-taking turned into a political *tamasha*. If one MP shouted *Har Har Mahadev,* another came up with *Bismillah al Rahman al Rahim*. Sonia Gandhi was interrupted by BJP patriots shouting *Jai Shri Ram*. Asaduddin Owaisi ridiculed slogan shouters by gesturing to them to go on and ended his oath-taking with *Jai Bheem, Jai Meem, Takbar Allahu Akbar, Jai Hind*.

Is there any country in the world other than India that is Bharat where silly games of this kind are played in the chambers of Parliament by elected representatives of the people? It was clear that the BJP benches were set on making use of their brute majority. To that extent, it was an indication of things to come. Expect the one-party, one-leader ideology being raised to new levels of patriotism. Expect dissenters getting more isolated as anti-national.

It is unfortunate that this should happen at a time when the Prime Minister has acquired a new international profile. At the Shanghai Co-operation Summit last week, Modi's re-asserted legitimacy won instant acceptance. The triumvirate he formed with Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping looked like a triumvirate of equals, not just in diplomatic formality as before, but in real terms now. Significantly, his call for a united front against terrorism became the principal message of that conference.

Recognition of this kind can prove momentary. For it to take root, there must be a minimal economic progress as backup, progress that is not assessed in GDP terms, but experienced in visible ways. International eminence, for example, cannot coexist with mass starvation. Leaps of power on the nuclear front would not have won respect for China if a section of its population was starving to death in its cities. In order to sustain its world leadership dreams, China ensured that its poor were no longer unacceptably poor. There are beggars in all the big cities of China today. But they are no longer starving. Many carry round their necks small placards with QR codes enabling you to make e-payments. In Moscow, beggars can be seen prostrating in pitiable ways on streets. But they are paid members of an organised mafia-managed racket.

In India, too, similar mafias exist. But beyond them, there is also the reality of hundreds of thousands of poor in every city, with no income, no prospect for their children, helpless in disease, subject to discrimination at different levels and with no one to go to for advice. Reports appeared last week about the misery of the poor in the Aurangabad region. Sub-teen children leave home around noon, take a train to Aurangabad city station to fill up water cans and get back home around 6 pm. It is an arduous task for each kid, given the irregularity of train schedules, the crowds and the burden of carrying two water-filled cans on shoulders about ten-years-old.

Those in power tend to dismiss such tragedies as isolated cases. Isolated, too, were the deaths of seven people in a septic tank in Vadodara last week. In the course of unveiling the Prime Minister's inspiring target of a 5-trillion-dollar economy in five years, it was put out that toilet coverage in the country had expanded from 33 percent in 2014 to 99 percent now. Obviously the miserable men who died miserably in Vadodara's shit-hole do not come under these numbers because manual scavenging is banned in Gujarat. Despite the ban and despite the availability of automated scavenging machines, the ancient killer practice goes on. What was preventing the widespread adoption of such machines, asked Anand Mahindra.

The answer is: The Indian mentality. For us wretched tragedies such as asphyxiation in a cesspit is part of the routine of life. For our rulers intolerable living conditions are non-issues if they are confined to the marginalised. The Mahadev and Bismillah shouters in Parliament would spare no more attention to scavengers than they would to victims of public lynching. The five thousand years of civilisation we claim is in deep putrefaction. The day's drama, the passing publicity and the international limelight that flashes in and out are success enough for our leadership. With the brute majority reinforcing its power through slogan-shouting, who wants to bother about guys dying in septic tanks?

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City Zoo Aquarium works for New Zealand firm

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The exhibit will have a total of 12,000 fishes across 200 types from all over the world including American and African spices.

Meanwhile, a team from Marinescape which visited the Zoo aquarium in Mysuru a few months back had expressed interest in developing the aquarium. "When compared to the Rs.257-crore Aquatic Life Science Park in Ahmedabad, ours is a much smaller project and we felt that the New Zealand Company has the technical knowhow and the capacity to refurbish our aquarium. Since the structure already exists, it will be easy for that company to develop the design and implement the structure," Kulkarni said.

During the discussion with the New Zealand team, the ZAK officials found that the firm can do something special to the Mysuru Zoo aquarium and develop it as an international-standard walk-through aquarium. "We felt that the company has the competency to execute the project in a better way as it has the experience of implementing such projects worldwide. We have already sent a proposal to the Karnataka Government recommending the company's name for our project and the proposal is with the Department concerned. We are awaiting approval," he said.

ZAK Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi** (second from left) **seen with Gujarat Science City Executive Director S.D. Vora** (second from right) **and Engineers of Marinescape.

Kulkarni also told *SOM* that he, along with ZAK Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, had been to Ahmedabad Science City Aquatic Park early this month to see the aquarium works. "We visited the aquarium during our trip to Sakkarbaug Zoo to set the process in motion to get five Asiatic Lions to Mysuru Zoo. The aquarium work was impressive and professional," he added.

Swiss Challenge method

As an alternative, the ZAK also plans to use the Swiss Challenge method to decide on winning bidders for the Mysuru Zoo aquarium works.

A Swiss Challenge is a method of bidding, often used in public projects, in which an interested party initiates a proposal for a contract or the bid for a project. The Government then puts the details of the project out in the public and invites proposals from others interested in executing it. On the receipt of these bids, the original contractor gets an opportunity to match the best bid.

The Swiss Challenge method allows a seller to mix-and-match the features of both an open auction and a closed tender to discover the best price for an asset. "This will ensure transparency in the project implementation," Kulkarni added.

Mysuru Zoo entry ticket price hiked

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Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, speaking to *Star of Mysore,* said that the cost of maintenance is increasing and the Zoo is getting new animals year after year, thus increasing the number of animals in the Zoo resulting in renovation of animal shelters. As importance is being given to provide excellent facilities for visitors, there is a need for more funds and hence the prices of entry tickets have been hiked, he clarified.

Intl. Workshop on Water Management begins

Mysuru, June 25 (RK&US)- A four-day international workshop on 'Safe and sustainable technologies and strategies for integrated fresh water resource management,' organised jointly by the Department of Water and Health, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) and University of Plymouth, United Kingdom (UK), commenced this morning at JSS Medical College premises in Shivarathreeshwaranagar here.

Delivering the keynote address with power point presentation on the topic, Dr. P.P. Mujumdar, Chairman, ICWar, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, said that climatic changes have drastic effect on fresh water resources needing sustainable strategies to manage the situation. He opined that water-food-energy nexus for water conservation is highly complex region-wise which should be tackled methodically.

He further said that groundwater management too was vital taking into account the rainfall, temperature variations and evaporation criterion.

About 50 delegates from India and UK are attending the workshop which features several technical sessions on water standards, regulation, pollution mitigation and policies for sustainable water management.

JSS AHER VC Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa inaugurated the programme. Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK Co-ordinator Dr. Harry Dixon, JSS AHER Registrar Dr. B. Manjunath, Co-ordinator Dr. H.P. Shivaraju, University of Plymouth Co-ordinator Dr. David Jenkin and others were present.

Mysore Varsity releases Mysore Declaration on Universal Health Coverage

'UHC should be treated like *One Nation, One Scheme'*

Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Cardiologist and Chairman, Suyog Hospital, addressing the gathering during the workshop on 'Accelerating Universal Health Coverage in India' at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri in city recently. Others seen are* (from left) *Dr. G.S. Prem Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Mysore, Dr. Lancy Desouza, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Maharaja's College, Prof. Ramesh, Dept. of Studies in Law, University of Mysore, Dr. Bhargavi D. Hemmige, Associate Professor, Jain University, Bengaluru. Picture below shows a section of the audience.

Mysuru, June 25- Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Mysore (UoM), had organised a two-day workshop on "Accelerating Universal Health Coverage in India: Issues and Challenges," funded by National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri here recently.

The workshop was inaugurated by UoM Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi with the keynote address by Chief Medical Officer, University Health Centre, University of Mysore, Dr. M.A. Basavraj.

The workshop had four technical sessions where papers were presented by nine experts in the field of Health and Community Medicine.

The workshop concluded with a panel discussion which was chaired by Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Cardiologist and Chairman, Suyog Hospital, Dr. Lancy Desouza, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Maharaja's College, Dr. Bhargavi D. Hemmige, Associate Professor, Jain University, Bengaluru, Prof. Ramesh, Department of Studies in Law, UoM and Dr. G.S. Prem Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, UoM (Mandya PG Centre).

The workshop concluded meaningfully with the experts and organisers releasing 'Mysore Declaration on Universal Health Coverage' after evaluation of the present public healthcare system prevailing in the State and our country.

Highlights of Mysore Declaration

Research reports from World Health Organisation and other agencies reveal that 85% of Indian population depends on various Government schemes for their health care needs. Hence,

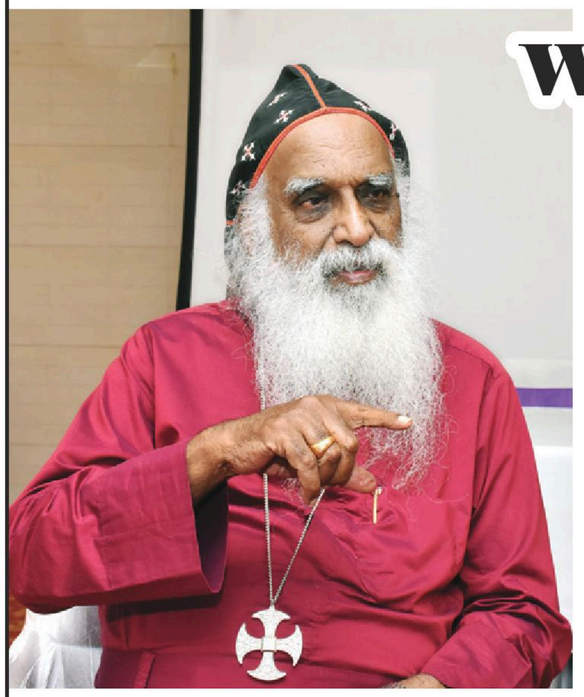
- Universal Health Coverage (UHC) should be treated like 'One nation, One scheme.'
- After implementing the UHC, the workload has been mounting on the existing hospital staff in all Government hospital programmes. Hence, empowerment of Government Hospitals in terms of quality, infrastructure, drugs and modern facilities is the need of the hour for the success of the UHC programmes.
- Disparity in the quality of health care services in the public sector is continuing and the regulatory standards are neither established nor enforced correctly by the Government agencies.
- Out-Patient visits, which constitute a bigger part of out of pocket expenditure, should be included in Ayushman Bharat.
- Since referral letter is a must from the Government Hospital to get treatment in a private hospital under Ayushman Bharat - Arogya Karnataka, there is a chance for corruption and unnecessary delay. Moreover, critical procedures under UHC needs to be simplified.
- Proposal to outsource monitoring, empanelment, settling of claims, grievance redressal — all vital functions of a UHC to commercial companies — needs a way-out.
- Separate institutional mechanism required at the district and State levels, to oversee the programme and with new health system bringing all stake holders together.
- Need to retain focus on increasing Government investment on health and there is a need to raise new resources including CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) find to meet the huge cost of UHC.

Dr. Nanjunda, in his concluding remarks, opined that this 'Mysore Declaration' can be a feedback to the policymakers on the State of Universal Health Coverage prevailing in our State and country. About 300 students participated in the workshop.

CSSEIP Associate Professor Dr. P.T. Dinesh welcomed and Associate Professor Dr. V.G. Siddaraju proposed a vote of thanks, according to a press release from CSSEIP.

Interview with Metropolitan Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma

"We are Indian by Nationality, Independent without any Foreign Domination"



India is a Secular State with no State Religion. But religion in our country is characterised by a diversity of beliefs and practices. Apart from the world's four major religions — Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism — which gave birth in India, the two *non-Indian religions* include Islam and Christianity. However, when it comes to Christianity, though it is non-Indian religion, there is one particular Christian community which is completely Indian. This is *Mar Thoma Syrian Church*, with a global presence.

The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma, the 21st Malankara Metropolitan and the current Primate of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, was in the city recently to inaugurate the new building of St. Thomas Institutions.

***Star of Mysore* Features Editor N. Niranjan Nikam spent an hour interacting with this 88-year-old man of God, Wisdom and Words at *Hotel Southern Star* where he articulated clearly about the rich history of his community, the logo of the Church, his association with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sabarimala and on religious conversion. *Excerpts.* —Editor**

By N. Niranjan Nikam

Star of Mysore (SOM): Your Holiness, is this your first visit to Mysuru?

Metropolitan: This is not my first visit to Mysuru, though I have not come here in the last ten years. I have been the Bishop for the last 45 years and since the past 13 years I am the Metropolitan. I have come before many times as Clergyman and as Bishop. I was engaged in the upbringing of St. Thomas Institutions right from its inception.

SOM: What is the difference between a Bishop and a Metropolitan?

Metropolitan: Metropolitan is the Head of the Church and our Episcopas are the Dioceses' Bishops. There is a Greek word 'Metropolis' and it is derived from this. Episcopa is an overseer and they are being appointed as Diocesan Bishops by the Metropolitan.

SOM: You have a history that dates back to 52 AD when St. Thomas came to India and founded the Church in Malabar called the Mar Thoma Syrian Church. But do you have any connections with the Pope in Rome?

Metropolitan: No we do not have connections with Rome. St. Thomas has a tradition that he has visited the Jewish community in Malabar Coast and so Peter has gone to Jewish community in Rome — both are traditions, there are no historical documents that can be produced of their visits. On historical grounds, in 182 AD there is a historical record of a Bishop's visit from Egypt, Alexandria and that is the first historical record and others is only traditions. But the presence of a Christian community during that time is the witness of being documental evidence and for 14 centuries the Church was one, independent and National without any foreign association with any Church. But we too have relationships with three Patriarchate of West Asia — One is Patriarch of Alexandria, that is Gothic Church, the Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Patriarch of Antioch and we treat them as Brothers in Christ, but no domination. When the Portuguese came they wanted to Latinise St. Thomas Christians who were known in Kerala as Nasranis, the followers of Nasareen. The Western Syrian is the language spoken by Christ when he lived in West Asia.

SOM: Mar Thoma Syrian Church is a global Church and you are in charge of 13 Dioceses which includes 1,224 Parishes and congregations with about 1,200 clergies, administer spiritual and other needs of approximately 1.6 million members of the Church. How is this humanly possible for you to do all this?

Metropolitan: Because of modern communications. This diaspora has come only after 1970s and 80s. Before that we were concentrated in Kerala alone and after independence many people moved out of Kerala. So actually the first migration has come after the independence when people went overseas. I do have 11 Bishops and each person has been given a territory to look after and the Diocesan Bishops manage them. But I am the appellate authority of all the Bishops and I also look after one of the Dioceses which has 100 or 110 Parishes.

SOM: Metropolitan, you will turn 88 on June 27 this year (Born: June 27, 1931). How do you look at this long journey of yours?

Metropolitan: *(Pauses)* I came from a family where leaders of the Church of the past generations were there during the last two centuries. I am the fifth in succession of Metropolitans in 200 years and when all dominations and customs have come, my great-grandfather Abraham Malpan (Theological Professor) along with another Professor Geevargis Malpan were enlightened about the customs that were prevailing in the Church at that particular time which are not in coordination with the Biblical teachings. So they were reformers like Luther in the Malakara Church (Old Malabar). Some people stick to the old traditions but we stood for reform ideals parallel to that which happened in the Western Churches. Our Church defines itself as *"Apostolic in Origin, Universal in Nature, Biblical in Faith, Evangelical in Principle, Ecumenical in Outlook, Oriental in Worship, Democratic in Function and Episcopal in Character."*

SOM: But how do you feel about this long journey of yours?

Metropolitan: Our ancestors were very much in conformity with the freedom struggle. Our Clergy and even Bishops were in the forefront. The Dewan of Travancore tried to arrest the Bishop but the people fought against this and later our leaders like T.M. Verghese, K.A. Mathew and B.G. Verghese were in front of this District Conference of Travancore. There was one Titusji, a Marthomite, who participated in *Salt Satyagraha.* His statue was recently unveiled by the present Prime Minister in the Sabarmati Ashram at Gujarat. When the Dewan of Travancore was for independent Travancore, the Mar Thoma Church was against it and Abraham Mar Thoma was charged to be arrested.

Sitting from left: ***Prof. Sobhana Jacob, Sosamma George, Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Rev. Biju S. Cherian (Diocesan Secretary), Rev. Prakash Abraham (Manager) and Rev. Bijoy Abraham;*** *(standing from left)* ***T.A. Abraham, Varghese John, Thomas George, Dr. M.C. Thomas, Ebby Eapen (Hon. Treasurer) and Sam Cherian Kumbukattu (Hon. Secretary).***

Later, during Emergency Juhanin Mar Thoma Metropolitan wrote personally to Indira Gandhi objecting the elections under the environment of Emergency and there were moves to arrest him but the wise counsel from the people of Kerala said don't touch him. Then she turned to be a great friend of his till her death. He used to send her Christmas cards with personal hand signature. And I have been a part of all this. We think it was a wise decision that Travancore and Cochin joined the Indian Union and became a part and parcel of Bharat. People like John Mathai was the Union Finance Minister and M.O. Mathai was Jawaharlal Nehru's Private Secretary. Many Mar Thoma Church members were in the Indian Cabinet also.

SOM: You yourself studied in St. Thomas School at Kozhencherry. There is St. Thomas Institutions in Mysuru which was established 54 years ago. How did you feel when you entered the institution to consecrate the new building?

Metropolitan: See from the inception I am very much associated with this School, watching the development and helping them in their journey towards progress. I was gratified to see the development here and it is nice to see the Higher Secondary Block being dedicated to house the higher secondary division of the School. We do have the CBSE stream and the State syllabus.

I remember the humble beginning about 54 years ago when our Metropolitan Mathews Mar Athanasius started the School with one student in the first year and now it has grown up to the present stage. That first student Jacob Eapen is the husband of Sobhana Eapen, who is teaching in St. Philomena's College.

SOM: The Church claims to maintain good relations with Hindus, Muslims and other religious groups. What is your view on conversion?

Metropolitan: Our Indian Constitution has given freedom to opt for one's own religion after the age of 18. But we are not in favour of conversion by any means of coercion or any other influence. If one gives an affidavit that he or she deserves to have the Baptism, we demand an affidavit on Rs.100 stamp paper saying that there is no coercion in her changing the religion and the name. We will not ask anybody to change the religion because they are working in one of our institutions and we do have Hindu and Muslim community in Kerala.

For festivals we share the joy in exchanging the greetings. Even *Onam* is a festival remembering the past glory of Kerala where no religion, caste or discrimination was there at the time of Mahabali. Still we are looking for that age to come back. **Every Mar Thoma Church celebrates *Onam* during that season all over the world.** Even in our Liturgy we pray for the President, the Prime Minister, the Parliament and also State Ministers irrespective of religious considerations. We did have it during pre-independence time for the rulers. In Gulf, England or in the United States where our people reside, we pray for the leaders of that country too.

SOM: As a Metropolitan you cannot lead a conjugal life but I believe as a priest you can. Does it mean that you had decided early in life that you will not enter holy matrimony?

Metropolitan: No, no. But at the time of the Ordination when the Church calls our names for a celibate life, I was obedient to that call and that is God's call. This is not by parents dedication or even by coercion but by own personal conviction that I selected this.

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Mar Thoma Church logo & PM Narendra Modi

SOM: The Logo of Mar Thoma Church is very interesting. It consists of a Shield emplasoned with a Christian Cross with representation of Ashoka Chakra at its centre. It is flanked in the right and left by a Lotus and a Hand Lamp respectively. The Motto 'Lighted to Lighten' is written in English over the Cross.

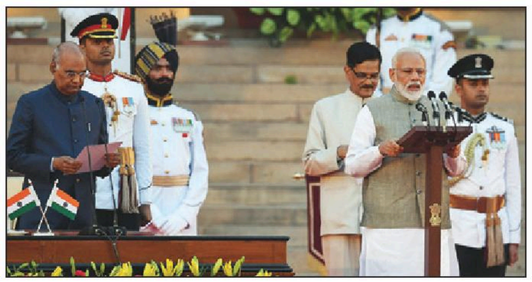
Metropolitan: I explained it to Modi when he invited me for a high tea when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat. I said that this is our emblem, the Ashoka Chakra in the centre and left side is the Light, our motto is 'Lighted to Lighten' and that is how it is. When you were in Jan Sangh, Lamp was the symbol on the Flag, now you have left the Lamp and taken Lotus. That is what we too have on the right hand side. We hold both 'Lighted to Lighten' and the symbol of Lotus, which takes the energy from the mud but all that matters is the beautiful flower.

SOM: But you met him when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat?

Metropolitan: Yes, I met him (Modi) in the Chief Minister's house and told him about this. Now, I have gone so many times and I am very close to him.

SOM: But the official colour of the Logo is Red. Now, many things intriguing here are the Ashoka Chakra, the Lotus and the Hand Lamp — all Hindu symbols?

Metropolitan: They are not Hindu ones but Indian symbols. We use this traditional lamp which is a National Indian symbol which we use in our Churches. These symbols were there long before. When we consolidated we had taken all this from the Indian traditions. We are Indian by Nationality and also independent without any foreign domination and the Head of the Church is an Indian National. Now we have become a global Church.



Metropolitan Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma and the Junior Bishop seen among the VVIPs at the oath-taking ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 30.

We are Indian by Nationality: Metropolitan

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The tradition behind this is, no Bishop can own property of his own and no relatives can claim bank accounts as that belongs to the Church's Trust. When the Bishop dies, everything is transferred to the Church. No father, brother or sister or any relative can lay claim. We do not have a salary but only living expense is being given by Church. You may wonder, the Metropolitan gets Rs. 25,000 per month. There is also the cook, driver and clerk whom we have to take care of. We all eat in a common mess. And even for our Diocesan Bishop, it is Rs.20,000 and the other Rs.5,000 to entertain the guests.

Service, service, service

Whatever we get we give to certain projects through the Church. We too have projects for physically, mentally and economically challenged persons and educating transgender boys and girls, who are thrown out from their families.

Every year we distribute Rs. 5 lakh of interest from the Rs. 5 crore collected during my 80th birthday celebrations for the *Snehakaram* (Hand of Love) Project where people who have chronic illnesses like heart, kidney and other diseases and also HIV patients are treated. For those affected during the recent floods in Kerala, we are giving 100 houses costing Rs.7.5 lakh each and repaired 50 houses costing from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 3 lakh irrespective of caste, creed, religion or language.

SOM: The first Prime Minister of the country Jawaharlal Nehru in his "Glimpses of World History" says that Christians came to India long before they went to England or Western Europe. What do you make of his statement?

Metropolitan: I think St. Thomas has raised intellectual doubt about resurrection. He said it is not enough for me to see and to hear and to touch but I must put my finger into this wounded hand, also the wound on the right hand side. Otherwise I won't believe. So he cast the intellectual doubt and he is the person sent by the Holy Spirit to India where religious philosophies exist. And it is the place where Adi Shankara has come from. When Shaivism and Vaishnavism combined together in the great mythology, a new child has come out with the slogan *Tat TVam Asi* and that is Sabarimala Ayyappan.

In Sabarimala when a devotee puts the beads on his neck till the 41st day of the celebration, he loses his own name and everybody addresses each other as Ayyappan. **That is the symbol of Secularism** — no religion, no caste or no language — and that is the glimpse of the Keralites to have the day of Mahabali back.

SOM: Since you are on the subject, what is your view on women entering Sabarimala temple about which there is so much of controversy?

Metropolitan: Till recently there was no illumination, no wash-room; it was thick forests for the women. It was not secure for young ladies between that age to go over there. Only because of security issue that custom has come. There is no prohibition for the women to go to Sabarimala. Anyway after menstruation (menopausal stage) a woman can go. It was a politicised view that was unnecessary which happened to unite the people who longed for oneness of humanity. When there was transportation problem and people had to walk the distance, Christian houses welcomed Ayyappa devotees to cook and share the food. And during the Christian Maramon Convention, lakhs of people visit and during this time even the Hindu houses are open for people to come and stay. That was the tradition that was prevailing then. But it was unfortunate that divisive forces entered into it to gain votes. That is a shame for Democracy. Groups of Ayyappa devotees have come and rested over in my family house and gone to Sabarimala.

SOM: Metropolitan, we heard that you were the only Christian to be invited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the swearing-in ceremony on May 30 this year. How did you feel about this honour?

Metropolitan: I do not know about that. On the day before the swearing-in, I had got a call from Delhi that Prime Minister wants me to be there and my VIP pass was being handed over to Delhi Diocesan Office. So I immediately made the arrangement for the ticket and returned the next day. I do have close association with Narendra Modi as I said earlier, Sushma Swaraj, L.K. Advani and Rajnath Singh also.

The swearing-in at Rashtrapati Bhavan was really beautiful and very homely. I was able to see all the leaders there. However, it was impossible to meet the PM on that day. I was with the Delhi Bishop for whom I had requested for a pass to assist me to walk. My principle is to be open to all confessions, accept the things which we can accept and respect the things which we differ. That is my basic principle ▪

Haj training and vaccination camp

Mysuru, June 25 (KS)- The Haj training and vaccination camp for Haj pilgrims of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts was inaugurated at R.K. Function Hall in Udayagiri here this morning by MLA Tanveer Sait.

Former Corporator and Member of Karnataka State Haj Committee Suhail Baig said that vaccination will be administered to the pilgrims of Haj 2019 and a certificate will be issued to them by the Karnataka State Haj Committee which is compulsory for the Haj pilgrims.

Hazrath Moulana Maqbool Ahmed Nizami compered. Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Usman Shariff presided.

Dr. Mohamed Siraj, Dr. P. Nagesh Rao, Dr. B.R. Aleem Pasha, Dr. S.R. Ramya, Dr. C. Pushpalatha, Dr. S.L. Lokesh, Dr. K. Mahesh and other medical staff administered the vaccination and distributed certificates.

Hazrath Moulana Abdus Salam Rizwi; President of All India Milli Council-Mysuru District unit, Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Zaka ulla Siddiqi; Ariff Mehkri, Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, Alhaj Syed Yunus, Mohamed Mumtaz Ahmed, Khurrath, ARK Rafeeq Ahmed and others were present at the camp.

City Rly. Station gets Integrated ISO Certificate

SWR Mysuru Division DRM Aparna Garg receiving the ISO Certificate from a representative of Quest Certification Ltd., yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, June 25- Railway Board has identified 37 major Railway Stations across the country for developing as "Eco Smart" Stations and Mysuru Railway Station is one of them.

The Environment and Housekeeping Management Wing under the leadership of Brij Mohan, Divisional Environment Officer, took this initiative and in a very short time necessary steps were taken for Integrated Management System Certification.

This consists of 3 ISO Certificates, namely ISO:9001 Quality Management System, ISO:14001 Environment Management System and ISO:45001 Safety Management system.

The team of Supervisors of Mysuru Railway Station took whole-hearted initiative and accepted the challenge to put all compliance in place.

On June 24, Quest Certification Ltd., a Chennai-based international accredited agency, presented IMS Certificate to Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysuru. With this Mysuru Railway Station has become the first Station over South Western Railway (SWR) and second in India to receive IMS Certification.

In times to come many practices have to be standardised and best in field have to be consistently achieved. The lead in this direction was taken by Additional Divisional Railway Manager Devasahayam, who further explained that water audit, energy audit and streamlining of solid waste management will form a part of this. Further robust Grievance Redressal mechanism, station active website will be the other parameters which will soon be in place, according to a press release from Dr. Satish, Sr. Divisional Operations Manager and PRO, SWR, Mysuru Division.

Wi-Fi facility to be extended in 30 more Railway Stations of Mysuru Division

Mysuru, June 25- The Ministry of Railways in its 100 days action plan has proposed to provide Wi-Fi at several Railway Stations across the country. As per Railway communication, the Wi-Fi facility exists at 1,603 Stations across the country and the plan is to provide the connectivity in over 4,800 Stations through Private and Government agencies.

Presently, Mysuru Division has this facility in over 55 Railway Stations and in the 2nd

phase of work, 30 more Railway Stations will be connected with Wi-Fi facility, taking Wi-Fi connectivity tally to 85 Stations across the Division, said a Senior Railway Official.

Mysuru Division administration is providing necessary support for the introduction of this facility. Infrastructure works required for putting in place the facility are currently underway at the 30 identified Stations. The facility would enable passengers to access the internet free of cost for thirty minutes at a time while waiting on platforms.

The new Stations proposed for this facility includes Sagarakatte, Hosa Agrahara, Narimogaru, Ammasandra, Devanur, Chikmagaluru, Sasalu, Karajgi, Thalaku and Molakalmuru.

ICC World Cup 2019

Shakib sends Afghan packing

Southampton, June 25- All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, with a half-century and a five-wicket haul came up with an inspirational performance and helped his team Bangladesh to register a 62-run win over Afghanistan in a well-contested match in the ICC World Cup 2019 encounter at Southampton and kept their semi-final hopes alive with this win.

Shakib Al Hasan becomes the second cricketer in the history to achieve the feat of scoring a half century and taking five-wickets in a World Cup match.

Bangladesh post decent total

Put into bat, Bangladesh lost opener Liton Das (16) early (23 for one). Opener Tamim Iqbal 36 (52b, 4x4) and Shakib Al Hasan 51 (69b,1x4) added 59-runs for the second wicket. After the fall of Tamim Iqbal, Shakib Al Hasan and M. Rahim (83, 87b, 4x4, 1x6) added 61-vital runs for the third wicket.

Mahmudullah 27 (38b, 2x4) and Mosaddek Hossain 35 (25b, 4x4) scored useful runs and in Mushfiqur Rahim's company boosted the total and Bangladesh went on to post a decent score of 262 for seven in 50 overs. Mujeeb Ur Rahman impressed by taking three for 39 and was well-supported by Gulbadin Naib who took two for 56.

Afghanistan falter after good start

Afghanistan got off to a good start with their opening pair of Gulbadin Naib 47 (75b, 3x4) and Rahmat Shah 24 (35b, 3x4) put on 49-runs for the opening wicket. Wickets fell at regular intervals after the dismiss of Rahmat Shah and Afghanistan were reduced to 117 for five at one stage.

Left-arm spinner Shakib Al Hasan bowled with lot of skill and struck vital blows to make inroads in the Afghanistan batting line-up. Shakib bowled intelligently to pick up five for 33.

Asghar Afghan (20), Najibullah (23) and Samiullah Shinwani (49 n.o.) were the other contributors with the bat for Afghanistan, but it was not possible for them to cross the line. Afghanistan were bowled out for 200 in 47 overs.

SCORES

Bangladesh: 262 for 7 in 50 overs (Tamim Iqbal 36, Shakib Al Hasan 51, Mushfiqur Rahim 83, Mahmudullah 27, Mosaddek Hossain 35, Mujeeb Ur Rahman 3 for 39, Gulbadin Naib 2 for 56) bt **Afghanistan:** 200 in 47 overs (Gulbadin Naib 47, Rahmat Shah 24, Shinwari 49 n.o., Najibullah 23, Shakib Al Hasan 5 for 29), Mustafizur Rahman 2 for 32); **Player of the Match:** Shakib Al Hasan.

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP ENGLAND & WALES 2019

TODAY'S MATCH

England Vs Australia
Lord's Cricket Ground, England, **3 pm** (IST)

TOMORROW'S MATCH

New Zealand Vs Pakistan
Birmingham, England, **3 pm** (IST)

Catch the live action on **STAR SPORTS NETWORK**

Andre Russell ruled out of Tournament

London, June 25- Andre Russell has been ruled out of the ongoing World Cup 2019 due to a knee injury. West Indies have announced Sunil Ambris as the replacement for the all-rounder.

The West Indian all-rounder was in visible discomfort with his knee. The 26-year-old Ambris will join the team ahead of West Indies' league fixture against India at Old Trafford on Thursday.

Russell had taken five wickets in the ongoing tournament in the four games he featured for the West Indies. The West Indies are currently in eighth place in the points table and their chances of advancing to the knockout stage are looking very slim.

Sunil Ambirs has scored 316 runs in the six One-day Internationals (ODIs) that he has played so far at an average of 105.33. He might be able to provide much-needed solidity in the middle order of the Windies batting line-up that has had a few mini collapses.

Mysuru's Girish Koushik becomes India's 63rd Grand Master

Mysuru, June 25- Girish A. Koushik, former World U-10 champion from Mysuru, became India's 63rd Grand Master when he gained 11 points in the Balaton International Chess Festival GM Round Robin Tournament in Europe on Monday, by reaching a live rating of 2500.7 Elo points.

The 1997 born Girish Koushik becomes the third chess player from Karnataka after GM M.S. Thejkumar and GM G.A. Stany to achieve this feat.

Girish went to Europe to play three tournaments in May and June 2019 with a rating of 2444 and one GM norm. His first GM norm was scored way back in the World Juniors in 2001.

Girish's first tournament in Europe in May 2019 was the Liu Major Open where he scored his second GM norm and also gained 25.4 Elo points. In the second event of the Europe trip, in the first week of June, Girish scored his final GM norm and also gained 203 Elo points. This completed his norm requirements for the GM title and took his live rating to 2489.7.

Girish, an electrical engineer, had shown lot of promise in his younger days and had won the World U-10 title. He also won the Asian U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14 & U-16 titles and also represented India in the World Juniors and many international tournaments.

He had also won multiple National titles. He has come back with a bang after a break due to his studies and has made all Mysureans proud with his achievement.

MYSORE SUMMER RACES 2019

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

"Navel Rock" for RWITC Trophy

Mysuru, June 25- The following are the selections for the 6th Day of Mysore Summer Races to be held here tomorrow (26th June 2019):

1. 2.15 PM THE NADIR PLATE
1200 mts (rated 00 to 25)
1. Precious Script 2.Smart Signs

2. 2.45 PM THE HARANGI DAM PLATE
1100 mts (rated 20 to 45)
1. Berlin 2. Queen of Good Times

3. 3.15 PM THE KINSKI PLATE
1400 mts, 3 years (rated 40 to 65)
1.Daughter of The Sun 2. Hallowen's Way

4. 3.45 PM THE TALACAUVERY PLATE
1600 mts (rated 20 to 45)
1. Country's Power 2. Cavarozzi

5. 4.15 PM THE RWITC LTD., TROPHY DIV I
1200 mts (rated 40 to 65)
1. Navel Rock 2. Coorg Regiment

6. 4.45 PM THE KODLI PLATE
1600 mts (rated 60 and above)
1.Towering Storm 2.Crescendo

7. 5.15 PM THE RWITC LTD., TROPHY DIV II
1200 mts (rated 40 to 65)
1. Jolfa 2. Lancaster

DAY'S BEST: *BERLIN*
DOUBLE: *1. COUNTRY'S POWER 2. JOLFA*
JACKPOT: *3,4,5,6,7*
I TREBLE: *2,3,4;* ***II TREBLE:*** *5,6,7*
EXACTAS: *6,7*

—Tipster PGC

About 400 students presented Pratibha Puraskar at Kalamandira

Mysuru, June 25 (SBD&DM)- About 400 meritorious students from economically backward sections of the society, who had scored more than 80 percent marks in SSLC and PUC, were presented Prathiba Puraskar at a programme organised under the aegis of Mysuru Samajika and Shaikshanika Vikasavedike at Kalamandira in city on Sunday.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, District Principal and Sessions Court Judge S.K. Vantigodi said the efforts of the students, coupled with the blessings of parents were responsible for the academic success of students.

Advising the students not to forget their parents when they grow up, Judge Vantigodi also reminded them to take care of their parents at old age.

Lauding the vedike for its social concerns, he said that rewarding talented students, irrespective of their caste and religion was a good sign and the vedike must continue with its good work.

Academic Trainer M.S. Raghu said that self confidence is the key for success of students, pointing out that the minds of children are sensitive in nature, Raghu underlined the role of parents in building confidence among children.

Calling for maintaining a positive approach in whatever the good work that students do, he cautioned that negative thinking may lead to health issues among children.

Citing the success of India against Pakistan in cricket, Raghu reiterated that having a positive approach is key to achieving success in chosen fields.

KPCC working President Eshwar Khandre, MLA and KUWS-S&DB Chairman Yashwant Raya Gouda Patil, Doddaballapur Judge C. Chandrasekhar, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member Secretary B.P. Devamane, City and District Brahmin Association President D.T. Prakash, Auditor Nandish, Vedike President Varuna Mahesh, office-bearers Dr. K. Vasanth Kumar, H.S. Veeresh, S.B. Suresh and others were present.

BJP triumphed thanks to warring coalition parties, says Senior Journalist

Senior Journalist Dinesh Amin Mattu beating a drum to inaugurate the interaction and book release programme at Maneyangala in Kalamandira on Sunday as Mandya Ramesh, Sunanda Jayaram, P. Mallesh and Krishna Janamana look on.

Mysuru, June 25 (PM&US)- Desiranga Samskruthika Samsthe had organised a programme in memory of Writer late K. Ramdas at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises here on Sunday which featured an interaction and a book release.

Inaugurating the programme by beating a drum, Senior Journalist Dinesh Amin Mattu opined that people should develop the straight forwardness of the greats like K. Ramdas, P. Lankesh and Kuvempu, which of course demands a good degree of morality and dedication. He bemoaned that most of the parents today desire their children to become engineers and doctors, settle abroad and mint money. That craze has transformed many villages into *'Vruddhashramas'* or home for the aged. Children are not encouraged to know about history and humility who are more conversant with whatsApp which itself is alike to a university awarding degrees, quoted Dinesh.

Congress is dead

Switching to politics, Dinesh said that everyone with common political knowledge knows that Congress is dead. "The internal squabble of coalition parties paved way for the triumph of BJP in the State which is a clear indication of selfish politics. Superstition and religion are of utmost importance now with places of worship turning into party offices. Congress, the grand old party has not made any serious effort to introspect the humiliating defeat in the recent LS polls," regretted Dinesh.

Dinesh recalled Swaraj India President Yogendra Yadav telling him once that Congress must die and pointed out that it has come true now.

Farmer leader Sunanda Jayaram released the book *'Komu Souhardate Ondu Chintane'*.

Social Activist P. Mallesh, Theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh, Desiranga Samsthe President Krishna Janamana and others were present.

Digitisation of DVK Murthy publications launched

Mysuru, June 25 (SPN&US)- DVK Murthy Prakashana and Sriranga Digital Software Technologies Private Limited (SDSTPL), Srirangapatna, together had organised a programme at Institution of Engineers on JLB Road here on Sunday for the launch of e-books of 130 books brought out by DVK Murthy Publications.

Launching the e-books, Kannada Sahitya Parishat State President Dr. Manu Baligar said that the Head Office of the multinational e-commerce company Amazon is located in Bengaluru but regretted that the organisation is not coming forward to market Kannada books which is a clear indication of disinterest of Kannadigas over the language of the soil.

He lauded the contribution of DVK Murthy, a scholarly publisher who promoted Kannada literature very well. He congratulated the successor Anirudh Dwarakanath in expanding the business to digital world.

Continuing, Manu Baligar recalled that senior writers K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi and Dr. Chandrashekar Kambara had long back worked on technological improvements of Kannada script. He felt that following DVK publications, others too should follow suit in digitisation for which he assured of full support from Kannada Sahitya Parishat.

Karnataka Anuvada Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta presided. SJCE Mathematics Professor Dr. C.S. Yoganand and others were present.

For the sweet taste of sugarcane...

A lonely tusker, which stopped a sugarcane-laden lorry on Asanur Road in Sathyamangala Forest seen picking up sugarcane stems from the lorry and eating the same. The tusker had stopped the lorry for more than 30 minutes and later the lorry driver began to move the vehicle slowly and proceeded to his destination. Passersby have captured the incident on their mobile phones which has gone viral.

Some unauthorised

PU Colleges admitting students

Mysuru, June 25 (RK&DM)- Even though they do not have Government permission, some private educational establishments in the city and across the district are reportedly admitting students to PU course unauthorisedly.

A total of 28 Educational Institutions in the city and district had applied to the Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) this year seeking permission for starting PU Courses (2019-20). But the DPUE rejected all of them for inadequate infrastructure, not meeting the required standards set by the Department.

However, some of the Educational Institutions, whose applications were rejected by the DPUE, have admitted students for first year PUC, with the hope that they would some how get Government sanction through political influence or using their clout within the Government.

While few colleges have started classes by admitting 30 to 40 students, some others have admitted 50-60 students after collecting fees from them.

Following the news item titled 'All 28 applications for new PU Colleges from Mysuru rejected by DPUE' published in *Star of Mysore* dated June 22, the students and their parents have become anxious about their future.

With the heads of such Educational Institutions busy in getting permission at the Government level, the parents of the students are making efforts to get admission to their wards at other recognised PU Colleges.

Mysuru DDPUE Rathna, upon coming to know of unauthorised admissions, was getting prepared to issue notices to the Principals of all such PU Colleges for unauthorised admission of students. But an MLC is said to have intervened in the matter and reportedly advised the DDPUE against issuing notices, as the deadline for sanctioning of colleges had been extended to June 30.

But the urgency of the colleges in admitting students even before getting sanction from the DPUE, has caused concern among the students as well as the parents. Meanwhile, it is learnt that the DDPUE is said to be getting written undertakings from such PU Colleges, that the admissions will be cancelled if they failed to get Government sanction to run PU courses.

Farmers to stage indefinite stir

for closure of distillery from tomorrow

Mysuru, June 25 (RKB&KS)- Opposing the functioning of a distillery in the village, farmers under the banner of T. Ramegowda and Raghupati Nayaka Vedike, will be staging an indefinite stir in front of Bannari Distillery at Alaganchipura from tomorrow. Disclosing this at a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Vedike's Mysuru District General Secretary Immavu Raghu said that a peaceful protest for two days will be held from June 26 which would be led by Vedike's District President T. Ramegowda Vidyasagar and later will stage an indefinite stir.

He further said that former CM Siddharamaiah, MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, State President J.L. Lakshminarayana and Hasiru Sene State President Kodihalli Chandrashekar will participate. He alleged that the distillery located at Alaganchipura in Nanjangud was polluting the ground water and the environment and a farmer's family has sought euthanasia besides stating that even relatives are afraid to come to the village even in case of anyone's death due to the polluted environment.

Himmavu Raghu has urged the authorities to close down the distillery in the interest of villagers and their health. General Secretary Puttabasappa, Convenor Satish Rao, Doddaiah and others were present.

Confusions erupt

in Teacher transfers

Mysuru, June 25 (SPN&DM)- Even as the Government is making efforts to make teacher transfers a smooth affair, confusions in the transfer guidelines have continued to bother the teaching fraternity. The confusions in the Teacher Dissemination Software (TDS) continue to haunt the Primary and Secondary Education Department failing to clear the confusions.

The problem has become all the more compounded as the split in the Teachers Association is wide open, with teachers from rural and urban areas forming separate Associations.

The Education Department in order to maintain balance in transfer of teachers from urban areas to rural and vice-versa, categorised the teachers under 3 zones — A, B, and C. But still confusions reign, even as the two Teacher Associations are vying with each other on getting the teacher of their choice at favourable places.

Teachers from urban areas, who are categorised under compulsory transfers, have been using all their influence and tactics to prevent themselves from getting transferred to rural schools at far off places. Disappointed over the continued efforts of teachers in urban areas to stay put at the schools they are serving, teachers from rural areas, awaiting posting in urban areas, are a disgruntled lot as they are reportedly upset over the attitude of teachers in urban areas.

Even as the Education Department has provided an opportunity for teacher husband-wife, serving in different districts, to get transferred to their native district, this too has run into trouble because of the rampant misuse of guidelines set for the purpose, it is learnt.

Protests galore in city

Mysuru, June 25 (SBD&US)- A Ph.D holder Dr. B. Basavaraj staged a solo protest in front of Crawford Hall here yesterday urging University of Mysore (UoM) to continue his services as a Guest Lecturer.

Basavaraj, after a PG degree in Ancient History and Archaeology, got his Doctorate from UoM pursuing research at Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) in 2016. He was said to have served as a Guest Lecturer during 2018-19 at UoM PG Centre at Tubinakere, Mandya district in Department of History.

Basavaraj claimed that the then Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna had opined that the former's Ph.D subject was not suitable to teach History and asked for an authentication certificate from UoM Department of History for continuation of the service.

Basavaraj bemoaned that he was running from pillar to post at UoM to get the certificate for the last nine months but to no avail.

In an appeal to the Vice-Chancellor, Basavaraj is said to have sought continuation of service or permit for euthanasia.

SUCI

Members of Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) staged a protest in front of Chikkagadiyara here yesterday urging the Union Government to take drastic steps to stop the continued deaths of children from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar.

The members alleged that the condition of Government hospitals in Bihar was deplorable as over 150 kids have died and over 600 cases under treatment. They sought a compensation of Rs.10 lakh to parents of each deceased child.

SUCI District Secretary D. Ravi led the protest.

BSP seeks 7.5% reservation for ST

Member of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) staged a protest in front of the DC's office here yesterday seeking 7.5% reservation for Scheduled Tribe (ST).

The members alleged that the Stage Government was still offering only 3% reservation for ST when the Central Government had hiked it to 7.5% and urged the State to immediately follow suit. BSP leaders Somesh, Dr. Basavaraj, Siddaraj and Prabhuswamy were present.

Obituary

P.K. Srinivas

Mysuru, June 25- P.K. Srinivas (54), son of late P. Kalegowda and a resident of Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli), passed away yesterday following heart attack.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, two sons, brother K. Krishnakumar (a newspaper distributor) and sisters. Last rites were performed this noon at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam.

WORD OF THE DAY

Flounce

Pronunciation: FLOUNSS.

Meaning: To move with exaggerated jerky or bouncy motions; to go with sudden determination; flounder, struggle.

Origin: The story behind flounce is an elusive one. The verb's earliest recorded uses in English occurred in the mid-1500s, and some scholars believe it is related to the Norwegian verb flunsa (meaning "to hurry" or "to work briskly") and Swedish flunsa ("to fall with a splash" or "to plunge"). The connection is uncertain, however, because the flunsa verbs did not appear in their respective languages until the 18th century, long after flounce surfaced in English. A second distinct sense of flounce, referring to a strip or ruffle of fabric attached on one edge, did not appear in English until the 18th century. This flounce derives from the Middle English frouncen, meaning "to curl."

Example: "With skirts flouncing, 15 young women ascended the steps ... to a traditional Mexican birthday song played in a mariachi style." — Laurel Wamsley and Vanessa Romo, NPR, 19 July 2017.

THE ODD WORD

Finifugal

Afraid of finishing anything.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fashion victim

Meaning: Someone who slavishly follows fashion trends.

Origin: Fashion Victim is a term claimed to have been coined by Oscar de la Renta that is used to identify a person who is unable to identify commonly recognised boundaries of style. ... According to Versace, "When a woman alters her look too much from season to season, she becomes a fashion victim."

This term came into prominence in the 1970s and 80s. It is an older phrase than that though and was in common use in the 1930s; for example, this piece from the Utah newspaper The Ogden Standard-Examiner, July 1932: "Hips must still be hide their humps beneath elastic metal stays, but the fashion victim will be permitted sufficient expansion of the diaphragm to draw a reasonable number of good breaths per hour."

QUOTE BOX

Fashions fade, style is eternal. **—Yves Saint Laurent**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus below:

Answer: Next to nothing.

SUDOKU

7	5				3			
			5			3	7	8
1								
	7		1	3				6
	3			9			4	
2				7	8		3	
								1
4	8	1			6			
			2				6	5

Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Newborn child
5 Teller of falsehoods
9 Moral offence
12 Maple genus?
13 Being in Latin
14 A kind of poem
15 A funny kind of fence! (2-2)
16 Chains, fetters or handcuffs
18 Sheriff's army?
20 Yellow fever bug
21 Backless shoes
22 Third party program for a smartphone
23 ___ hat : not modern; dated ?
24 Units of work
27 Short for 'this month'
31 Expert or adept
32 Mrs Gandhi of the INC
34 It may be said in surprise
35 A tune or a melody
37 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
38 Nothing!
39 Red Indian tribe
41 Artist's tripod
43 Striped animal
46 Biblical tower
47 Lacking reality
50 Completes or finishes
52 Actress ___ Peeples
53 Tie securely
54 Aboard ship
55 Slang for a taxi?
56 Eye infection
57 Persian of old

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	P	T	■	F	I	S	H	■	C	E	O
O	R	E	O	■	I	N	T	E	R	E	S	T
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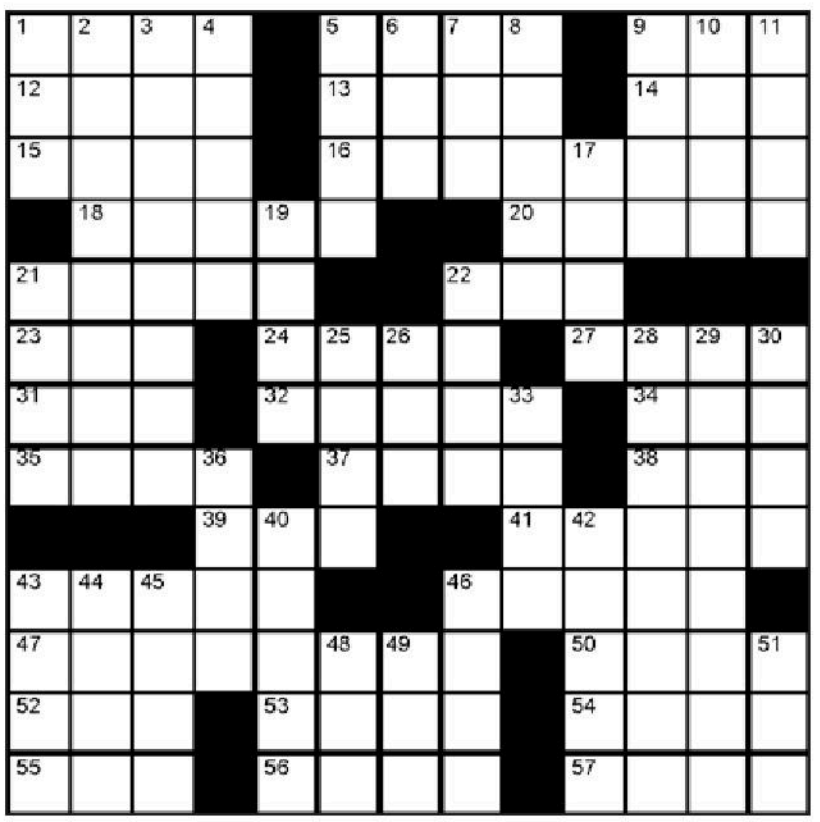
A	B	U	S	E	R	S	■	I	P	S	O	■
■	■	■	T	O	Y	■	O	U	T	P	U	T
R	A	D	O	N	■	R	P	M	■	O	S	E
O	B	E	Y	■	H	O	T	■	R	O	A	N
C	I	C	■	S	A	W	■	C	E	L	L	S
K	N	I	G	H	T	■	S	A	G	■	■	■
■	I	D	E	E	■	S	T	R	A	I	N	S
S	T	I	L	E	T	T	O	■	L	E	A	N
E	I	N	S	T	E	I	N	■	L	E	I	A
A	O	G	■	S	E	R	E	■	Y	E	L	P

DOWN

1 Exclamation of contempt
2 Mexican holiday resort
3 Obliged
4 Rub out
5 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country?
6 "Like" suffix
7 As fresh ___ lily? (2,1)
8 Sum up
9 Peddled or vended
10 ___ fixe : an obsession?
11 Headland or commonly used suffix for adjectives
17 Military cap
19 Nav. readings
21 Extinct flightless birds
22 Unchanged (2,2)
25 A French rake, dissolute man
26 Global Navigation Sys.
28 Balderdash
29 Protected, defended or concealed?
30 Ring the bell or announce death etc.?
33 General location
36 Advisor or teacher in our country?;
40 Jobs to be done, assignments
42 At right angles to the keel of a ship
43 Heavy metal
44 Charles Lamb's pseudonym?
45 Talk indiscreetly
46 Unit of structure in computer storing one bit of data
48 Ontario, in short
49 Aussie tennis legend ___ Emerson
51 Self addressed envelope, in short



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XA LH MLWH XA LH SMQYFX QR PUXA XFH NACWZ

AB XFAQYFX, XFMX PK LHPUY HZQSMXHZ

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Stoop and you'll be stepped on; stand tall and you'll be shot at.

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Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
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	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Kanchana-3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
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Haftha	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Sarvajanikaralli Vinanthi	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
The Dark Lurking	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
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Toy Story-4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11 am, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.55 pm, 4.30 pm
Kabir Singh (H)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6.40 pm 9.55 pm
Aladdin (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.45 pm
1st Rank Raju (Te)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
I Love You Nanne Prethse (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 4.45 pm, 7.20
Sindhubaadh (Ta)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Voter (Hero Of The Nation) (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Haftha (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Agent Sai Srinivasa Athreya (Te)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Extraordinary Journey of Fakiir (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Thamasha (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Kabir Singh (H)	(S-3)	10.15 am
	(S-2)	11.15 pm, 2.45 pm 6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Toy Story 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 12.20 pm 5.20 pm, 7.35 pm
I Love You Nanne Prethse (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am, 7.05 pm
Sindhubaadh (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
	(S-1)	9.50 pm
1st Rank Raju (Te)	(S-3)	4.35 pm
Haftha (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Voter (Hero Of The Nation) (Te)	(S-2)	5.10 pm
Sarvajanikaralli Vinanthi (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
Krishna Garments (K)	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Aladdin (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.35 pm
Extraordinary Journey of Fakiir (E)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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Toy Story 4 (E)	10.30 am, 4.30 pm, 7 pm, 9.30 pm
Krishna Garments (K)	10.35 am
I Love You (Nanne Preethse) (K)	11 am, 1.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Extraordinary Journey of Fakir (E)	12.40 pm
Sindhubaadh (Ta)	1.20 pm, 9.50 pm
1st Rank Raju (Te)	4.20 pm
Voter (Te)	4.20 pm
Saarvajanikaralli Vinanthi (K)	7:00 pm
Haftha (K)	9.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Kids whip up delicious recipes at Forum Junior Chef

Kids in Mysuru donned chef caps to exhibit their culinary skills at Forum Junior Chef held at upper ground floor of the Mall in two categories Juniors (7 - 10 years) and Seniors (11 - 15 years). Children participated with full zeal and enthusiasm as they doled out delicious recipes from the inventory provided by the organisers.

Artefacts and food items displayed were a visual treat and were presented in an artistic and aesthetic style.

Dishes were judged on taste, presentation, creativity and originality. Executive Chef from Silent Shores Hospitality adjudged the participants.

Suryashri, Harman Fathima and **Anvi** were adjudged the winners in the Junior category while **Punya, Sada Manal** and **Mohd. Farhan Baig** were adjudged winners in Senior category.

Centre Manager for Forum Centre City Danashekharan said: "The event not only provided a platform for the students to foster their creativity and decision-making skills but also helped them explore their hidden talents and discover new areas of interest."

He also thanked all the sponsors for their support in this unique concept.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 25)

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Meeting with engineers to discuss preventive steps to be taken by Government with regard to water issues, Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere (retd.) and M. Lakshmana will be present, Institution premises, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

CD release: Sri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji, the 41st pontiff of Sri Ramanuja Mahasamsthanam, Melukote, will release the CD of Stotra Ratna — 65 precious verses of Sri Yamunacharya (916 AD to 1041 AD) in Sanskrit, tuned and sung by late Savithri Keshava Iyengar — Dr. P. Venkat Rangan, Vice-Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, inaugurates, renowned violinist Padma Shri A. Kanyakumari and advocate O. Sham Bhat will receive the first copies of the CD, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

Rangayana and Prasara Bharati of Mysuru Akashavani: 'Ranga Banuli' programme, airing of the play 'Kalla mattu Balgalla' (written and directed by Dr. Vasantha Kavali), journalist K. Lokesh special invitee, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Veena recital by Vid. Mysore Rajalakshmi, accompanied by Vid. Kanchana Ishwara Bhat on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Vivekanandanagara Brahmana Sabha (Sri Lakshminarasimha Temple) auditorium, Srirampura, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 26)

Samvahana Prakashana, Mysuru: Book release — 'Right Right' and 'Ayyo Dyavre' written by journalist Ravi Pandavapura — by MLA A.H. Vishwanath, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, retd. Principal of St. Philomena's College Prof. M. Krishnegowda speaks about the book, senior writer Dr. CPK presides, Samvahana Prakashana's D.N. Lokappa will be present, Rani Bahadur auditorium, University of Mysore, **4.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru: Ranga Sangeetha Sanje (Theatre Musical Evening), columnist Prof. M. Krishnegowda inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Dasti Education Institution Head Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Sandhya Suraksha Trust President Dr. B.R. Nataraja Joise chief guests; Professional Theatre Songs by Ranga Ratnakara troupe, Bengaluru, District Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5.30 pm.**

Music Concert: Flute concert by Vid. Prapancham Balachandran and troupe, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar inaugurates, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Vocal recital by Vid. Bangalore M. Nishanth, accompanied by Vid. K.J. Dileep on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Sunaad Anur on kanjira, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Technical Talk on 'Low temperature preservation of fruits and vegetables' by T.R. Prabhu, retd. Dy. Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, Dr. R. Suresh, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, D.K. Dinesh Kumar, Hon. Secretary, IEI Mysuru, will be present, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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